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## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner approve the changes to Figures 1-5, as shown in a marked-up copy of the same provided herewith. A duplicate copy of this sheet, along with a duplicate copy of marked-up Figures 1-5, are submitted herewith.

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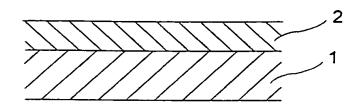
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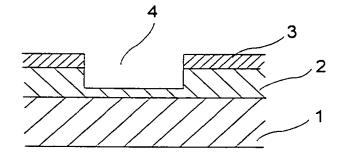
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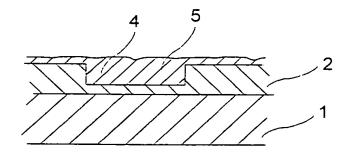
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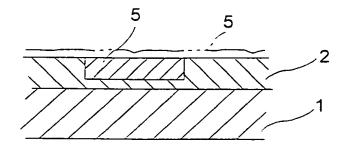
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FIG. 2 PRIOR ART

